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SUBJ: PROPOSED TRAVEL BY USDA GRAIN AND SOYBEAN SPECIALISTS

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1. AGATTACHE CONCURS PROPOSED TRAVEL BY NOVTONY, SVEC, AND WANAMAKER.

2. IN VIEW VIRTUAL IDENTITY OF INTERESTS BOTH PARTIES AS OUT-LINED IN REFTEL, AGATTACHE BELIEVES SOVIETS WOULD BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO ONE VISIT RATHER THAN TWO LESS THAN TWO WEEKS APART. IF CONCURRENT TRAVEL IMPOSSIBLE, SUGGEST TEAMS OVER - LAP IN MOSCOW WHERE THEY WILL VISIT SAME SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS, SPECIFICALLY USSR MINAGR, USSR MIN PROCUREMENTS, AND EKSPORT-KHLEB.

3. ODESSA OBVIOUS FIRST CHOICE FOR PORT VISIT AS MOST GRAIN IMPORTS DELIVERED THERE. NOVOROSSISK OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE UNLESS THERE ARE OVERRIDING REASONS TO VISIT THIS PORT NOT STATED IN REFTEL. BOTH PORTS IN GOOD AGRICULTURAL AREAS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS.

4. AGATTACHE IN WEEKLY CONTACT WITH CERES INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS, AS OF APRIL 30, NOTHING TO BE SEEN AT ROSTOV FEED-LOT SITE EXCEPT 52 BULLDOZERS GRADING 100 ACRES. NO, REPEAT NO, U. S. EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY AT SITE, BUT EXPECTED WITHIN TWO WEEKS. IF NOVOTNY AND SVEC INSISTENT ON VISITING ROSTOV FEED-LOT THEY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THIS TO KONYGIN, SOVIET EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. FEEDLOT LOCATED ON SOVKHOZ " BRATSKIY" APPROXIMATELY 175 KILOMETERS EAST OF ROSTOV, OR 60 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF VOLGODONSK. THIS AREA NOT ON " INTOURIST" ROUTE APPROVED FOR FOREIGN TRAVELERS, AND ADDITIONALLY SENSITIVE BECAUSE PRISON LABOR CAMPS LOCATED THERE.

5. USDA SPECIALISTS CAN VISIT USSR EITHER THROUGH " INTOURIST" PREPAID TOURIST ARRANGEMENTS OR AS USDA OFFICIALS ON TDY TO EMBASSY. PROSPECTS COMPLETION DESIRED TRAVEL UNCERTAIN EITHER ALTERNATIVE. ON ONE HAND " INTOURIST" CAN REFUSE INCLUDE VISITS TO DESIRED LOCALITIES; ON OTHER HAND MIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS CAN REFUSE REGISTER TRAVEL NOTES. ON BALANCE, AGATTACHE BELIEVES TDY ROUTE POTENTIALLY MORE PRODUCTIVE. IF TRAVELERS CONCUR, USDA SHOULD CABLE HOTEL REQUIREMENTS SOONEST AS SITUATION TIGHT, ESPECIALLY IN MOSCOW.

6. SVEC WELL AWARE INTRASIGENCE SOVIET OFFICIALS TO ACCOMMODATE REQUESTS OF THOSE U. S. VISITORS -- WHETHER U. S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN, OR TOURISTS -- NOT OFFICIALLY INVITED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. THIS SITUATION NOT EASED BY ADVENT NEW MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE AND PROCUREMENT. SVEC IS BEST COUNSEL IN USDA/ WASHINGTON FOR PLANNING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION PROPOSED TRAVEL.

7. IF WANAMAKER COMES ALONE, MEMBER OFFICE AGATTACHE MUST ACCOMPANY HIM AS EMBASSY TRAVEL REGULATIONS PRECLUDE INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL.

8. AGATTACHE AWAITS USDA INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE TABLING PROPOSED VISIT WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS.  
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